representative of both the countries which includes various issues including ISI activities for their resolution.

Idol thefts in the country

4429. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of idol thefts in the country;

(b) how many of them were recovered; and

(c) which State accounts for the maximum number of thefts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) As per the data available with the National Crime Records Bureau, the total incidence of antique thefts in the country, the number of antiques stolen and recovered during 1997 to 2001 are as under :

		1997	1998	1999	2000	2002
1.	Incidence of thefts	141	215	307	288	186
2.	No. of antiques stolen	813	528	704	539	403
3.	No. of antiques recovered	300	52	65	99	51

Separate figures of antique idols only are not available with the NCRB.

(c) The States which account for maximum number of thefts of antiques during 1997 to 2001 are listed below:

SI. No.	Year	State with maximum incidents of thefts
1.	1977	West Bengal (27)
2.	1998	Uttar Pradesh (64)
3.	1999	Andhra Pradesh (58)
4.	2000	Madhya Pradesh (66)
5.	2001	Andhra Pradesh (41) & Uttar Pradesh (41)